ROGER JOSEPH

BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND THE FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE

BISHOP OF COVINGTON

DECREE

Erecting the Personal Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes

Whereas the apostolic letter Summorum Pontificum of Pope Benedict XVI restored the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite to a wider role in the life of the Church and decreed that it be “duly honored for its venerable and ancient usage” (SP 1);

Whereas the number of the Christian faithful attached to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite has continued to increase over the years, especially among young people who have been moved by genuine piety and devotion to seek out this venerable and traditional form of worship;

Whereas we established the Personal Quasi-Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes on the sixteenth day of July in the two thousand sixteenth year of our Lord in order to provide more suitably for the pastoral care of those attached to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite;

Whereas the Personal Quasi-Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes has demonstrated stability and vitality throughout the past two years and its members have distinguished themselves by their piety, generosity, and love for the Lord and His Church;

Therefore, in order to provide for the good of souls, having duly consulted with the Presbyteral Council on the seventeenth day of May in the two thousand eighteenth year of our Lord as mandated by canon 515 §2, we do hereby decree the erection of the Personal Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes for liturgical celebrations according to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, in accordance with canons 515 §2 and 518 and article 10 of the apostolic letter Summorum Pontificum, effective at 12:01 AM on the twenty-fourth day of June in the two thousand eighteenth year of our Lord, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.
The membership of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish shall be constituted of those members of the Christian faithful who register as members of the parish. The revenue of the parish shall consist of the voluntary offerings of the faithful and all other grants that will be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes shall belong to the Northern Kenton County Deanery, in which its parish church is located. The appointment of the pastor and other clergy of the parish shall be by free conferral by the Bishop of Covington and governed by the norms of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

We further decree that Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 1101 Amsterdam Road in Park Hills, Kentucky, shall serve as the parish church for the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.

In all matters, the organization and activity of the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes shall be governed by the norms of the 1983 Code of Canon Law and the particular law of the Diocese of Covington.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of Covington on the eighth day of June in the two thousand eighteenth year of our Lord, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D. D.
Bishop of Covington

Reverend Ryan L. Stenger, J.C.L.
Ecclesiastical Notary